



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



U.S. assistance supports Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) in efforts to make the reforms necessary for European Union (EU) and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) accession and to strengthen BiH as a multi-ethnic democracy that safeguards the rights of all citizens, values tolerance and diversity, and enables women, youth, and minorities to flourish. U.S. assistance also continues to support effective government institutions and civil society, which enable active citizen involvement and combat corruption; effective and accountable law enforcement, judicial, and prosecutorial systems, which uphold the rule of law for all citizens; an integrated military that meets security needs and NATO membership goals; and an economic space that provides opportunity for all citizens and fosters private sector development.

Assistance Activities by U.S. Goals in BiH:

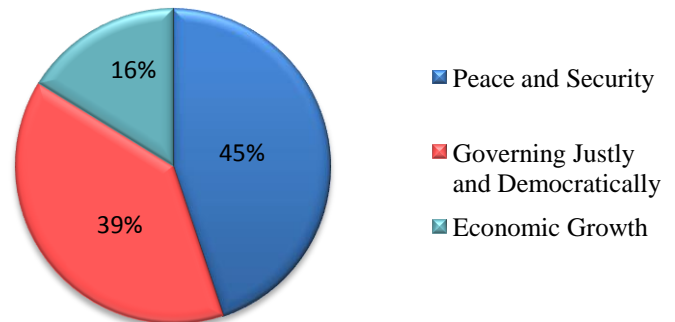
Defense reform progresses as Bosnia actively participates in the NATO Membership Action Plan in preparation for NATO membership, and Bosnian institutions effectively deal with remnants of the war

- U.S. assistance is helping BiH to consolidate its arms and munitions depots by demilitarizing those small arms/light weapons (SA/LW) and munitions that are excess to its needs, and destroying unstable aging munitions. In addition, U.S. funding is helping to remove landmines and explosive remnants of war that remain.
- The United States is also providing BiH with equipment and training necessary to allow it to participate effectively in coalition operations, which will allow it to deploy units with expertise in Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD), military police, infantry, and engineers. In addition, the U.S. is providing training to mid-level officer and non-commissioned officer corps in specialized basic branch courses (e.g. Infantry, Military Police, Signal Corps, and Military Intelligence), and English language skills. Senior military personnel may also participate in flagship programs such as the War College and National Defense University.

A democratic, multi-ethnic BiH founded on the values of tolerance, respect for diversity and human rights, freedom of religion and civil liberties

- The U.S. is providing small grants and capacity building technical assistance to civil society organizations to help them to advocate for reform in areas that are key to EU integration, including women's empowerment, youth, advocacy, and promotion of democratic norms and human rights.

FY 2012 Foreign Operations Assistance by Objective*



BY ACCOUNT	FY 2012 ACTUAL	FY 2013 ESTIMATE	FY 2014 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand \$)	49,749	46,907	44,115
Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia	39,000	0	0
Economic Support Fund	0	28,556	27,660
Foreign Military Financing	4,500	4,272	4,500
International Military Education Training	999	949	1,000
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	0	7,535	6,735
Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs	5,250	5,595	4,220

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A democratic, multi-ethnic BiH, cont.

- The United States continues to fund interethnic reconciliation assistance that is cross generational and addresses the root causes of conflict in Bosnia, particularly activities that increase communication and mutual trust among citizens of all ethnic groups. Targeted U.S. support for independent media seeks to establish a regulatory environment that provides independent information to the public.
- In the area of governance, the U.S. government is providing technical assistance at the state, entity, cantonal, and municipal levels to strengthen processes and capabilities of governance actors, including the capacity of local governance to support local economic growth and the needs of small and medium enterprises (SMEs); improved legislative processes; more active and capable political parties; and municipalities better able to manage their affairs and interact with citizens.

Strengthened capacity of Bosnia and Herzegovina's judicial and law enforcement sector to promote a strong rule of law

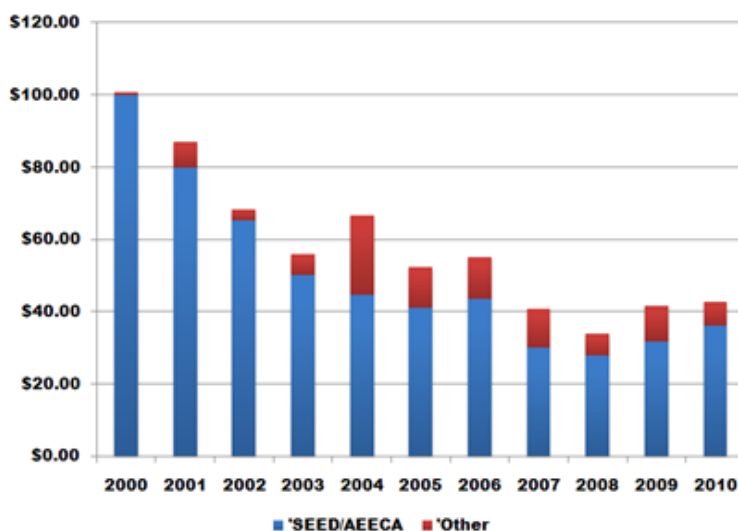
- U.S. technical assistance and training is being used to streamline and build the capacity of Bosnia and Herzegovina's law enforcement agencies to cooperate more effectively with prosecutors and with one another, and to more effectively investigate organized crime and other complex cases at the state and entity levels, including a legal advisor to provide mentoring to prosecutors specializing in terrorism and financial crimes cases.
- U.S.-funded rule of law programs are providing technical support to institutions that manage and staff courts and prosecutors' offices throughout the country, and funding to civil society advocates who contribute to and monitor justice sector reform.
- U.S. technical assistance, training, and equipment is helping law enforcement agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina to identify, interdict, and control WMD-related materials; enhance their ability to investigate and manage critical terrorism-related incidents, and put in place an export control licensing system that complies with U.S. and European standards.

A prosperous Bosnia and Herzegovina with strong U.S. trade and investment links

- U.S. technical assistance is focused on improving private sector competitiveness and local economic development, largely among private firms and local municipalities. Activities include technical assistance to the agricultural sector to increase production and the quality of value-added agricultural products; assistance to local entrepreneurs to create value chains, and with municipalities to improve governance supportive of economic growth; firm-level technical assistance in key manufacturing and service sectors such as wood processing, light metal manufacture and tourism; and the use of information and communication technologies to improve business processes and products.
- The United States is also providing technical assistance for the energy sector on reforms that capitalize on BiH's capacity to be a net regional exporter of energy resources.

BY OBJECTIVE	FY 2012 ACTUAL	FY 2013 ESTIMATE	FY 2014 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand \$)	49,749	46,907	44,115
Peace and Security	22,319	19,160	17,820
Governing Justly and Democratically	19,379	18,645	16,418
Economic Growth	8,051	9,102	9,877

FY 2000-2010 Foreign Operations Assistance (in millions)



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[Coordinator's Office Annual Reports](#); [U.S. Embassy Website](#); www.foreignassistance.gov

*This fact sheet does not reflect Peace Corps funding or centrally managed or regional Foreign Operations funding that is not specifically budgeted for Bosnia and Herzegovina.